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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS
COMMAND DESCRIBES VICTORIES IN NORTHERN CAMPAIGN

1. ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS COMMAND
(NROC) ANNOUNCED LATE JULY 25 RECAPTURE OF ETHIOPIAN
TOWNS HELD BY ERITREAN SECESSIONISTS AND DESCRIBED
PROGRESS OF ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVES ON NORTHERN FRONT
WHICH HAD STARTED JUNE 5. A CHRONOLOGY WAS
PUBLISHED AS FOLLOWS DETAILING ETHIOPIAN ADVANCES
INTO ERITREA.

2. IN THE WESTERN REGION THE 501ST REVOLUTIONARY
TASK FORCE CAPTURED OMHAGER (14 11N 36 35E) ON 17
JUNE "PULVERIZED" THE ROAD FROM HUMERA TO
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TESSENAI (15 08N 36 40E) N 5 JULY AND CAPTURED
TESSENAI ON 24 JULY.

3. ON 17 JUNE THE 502ND REVOLUTIONARY TASK
FORCE MOVED OUT OF SHIRE (14 06N 38 17E) AND
REACHED THE MAREB RIVER ON 5 JULY AFTER CAPTURING
THE LOCATIONS OF ADI DARO ON 21 JUNE AND ADI TASADA

AND SHIRARO ON 27 JUNE.

4. THE 503RD REVOLUTIONARY TASK FORCE MOVED OUT FROM TOWNS OF AXUM AND ADOWA ON 20 JUNE AND CAPTURED THE TOWN OF ENDA-GHIORGIS ON 3 JULY AND ADI OUALA (14 48N 38 49E) ON 18 JULY. ADI UGRI (15 59N 39 20E) WAS CAPTURED ON 23 JULY.

5. THE COMBINED 502ND AND 503RD TASK FORCES THEN CAPTURED ENTICCIO (14 18N 39 01E) ON 24 JULY 1978. (15 35N 39 29E) BUT DID NOT MOVE OUTSIDE THE CITY.

7. THE 506TH TASK FORCE IN ASMARA REPULSED ERITREANS WHO HAD BROKEN INTO THE CITY LIMITS ON 4 JULY. ON 25 JULY THE GARRISON IN ASMARA WAS ABLE TO OCCUPY THE NEARBY VILLAGES OF SEKERTI AND ADI AWUSHA.

8. WITH SPECIFYING WHERE, NROS COMMUNIQUE AND SUBSEQUENT COMMENTARY CLAIMED CAPTURE OF FOLLOWING FROM ERITREAN FORCES:

--LIGHT AND HEAVY ARMS

--E-14 EXPLOSIVES AND HAND GRENADES

--SEVEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF HAND GRENADES "FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICA", WHICH AMERICA DID NOT GIVE TO ETHIOPIA WHEN IT USED TO SUPPLY US WITH WEAPONS".

--7.2 (SIC) CALIBER BULLETS

--G-3 BULLETS "FROM BRITAIN"

--122 MM WEAPONS AND OVER 1000 EXPLOSIVES OF DIFFERENT TYPES

--UNKNOWN NUMBER OF GUERRILLAS

--PROVISIONS AND CLOTHING

--HASHISH.

9. MORE REPORTS OF VICTORIES WERE PROMISED IN THE FUTURE.

10. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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